



SENIOR ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

Administration Group
Washington, DC 20260-6000

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Mr. S. Robert Powell
President
Carbondale Historical Society
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Dear Mr. Powell:

Postmaster General William F. Bolger has asked me to respond to your letter of December 10, 1982, regarding the postal facility in Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

It is necessary to construct a new facility to serve postal customers in the Carbondale area, since the old main post office no longer meets area operational requirements. The site for the new facility is approximately three blocks from the old facility. The new facility will meet present and future needs of the city, and we believe will compliment the downtown area.

The Postal Service recognizes the exterior architectural integrity of the old building, and we have taken steps to see that it will be protected when it is sold. Covenants will be included in the deed of conveyance which will require the new owner to preserve the exterior. He will be required to consult with the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer prior to making any changes.

I appreciate your concern for both the old and the new facilities, but I also feel construction of the new post office is indicative of a growing community and that such construction should be looked upon as an investment by the Postal Service in the future of Carbondale.

Sincerely,

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